

REMARKS

This makes of record the telephone interview held January 2, 2008 between the Examiner and applicant's attorney, Gordon D. Coplein.

In the interview, Mr. Coplein pointed out that main claim 1 was directed to Figs. 6 and 7 of the application. The claim calls for the end of the nose portion of the saddle that is contiguous with the seat portion to be "rebated" into the seat portion. The "rebate" is shown at 14 in Fig. 7 and is described at Paragraph [0036] of the publication of the application 2007/0069556.

Claims 1, 5-8, 10 and 12 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is the main claim of the application.

The claims stand rejected over Avery, U.S. 623,505. Mr. Coplein explained that Avery did not show the defined seat and nose portions having the nose portion rebated into the seat portion.

The Examiner indicated that he agreed that Avery did not anticipate main claim 1. He also indicated that he believed that another reference of record might apply to claim 1 and that he intended to give such other reference further consideration.

The Examiner indicated that the Final Rejection would be withdrawn and that a new Action would be issued.

In the present Amendment After Final Rejection claim 1 is proposed to be amended so that the nose portion has a part extending that is rebated into a slot in the seat portion. The Examiner indicated that he would enter the amendment to claim 1 so that the structure of the saddle could be more properly defined when the Examiner gives his new Office Action. The Examiner indicated that he would hold that the amendment would not raise a new issue on which he would deny entry of the Amendment After Final Rejection.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests:

1. withdrawal of the Final Rejection status of the application;
2. entry of this amendment; and

3. a new Office Action on the merits or a Notice of Allowance.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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